

Sustainability Advisory Board

October 13TH, 2016 MINUTES

🚩 Welcome, Introductions, and News

- Members meet and greet. Introductions are made. Welcome guest Kathy Corbin.

🚩 The SAB meeting came to order at 7:40 am.

- Scott Pashia motioned to approve the amended agenda. Gareth Matthews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Kenny Johnston motioned to approve the September 8th meeting minutes. Alicia Jennings seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

🚩 Action Items

- Action items from previous meeting were reviewed and confirmed completed or uncompleted. Uncompleted action items will be moved to the next month.

Completed

- Kenn Miller will order 30 walk/bike-to-school signs.
- Brian Anderson will contact Mayor Dunn and notify her of SAB's recommendation to appoint Dan Schaeffer to the BFC committee (October 24th).
The next BFC meeting has been up to November 2nd to accommodate Gareth Matthews' schedule and miss the holiday frenzy.
- Everyone is to make sure that someone in your homes association is aware of recirculation day and they can put it in their newsletter etc. Marica Putman will send out the recirculation pdf.

To Be Completed

- Marica Putman will create and send out the save-the-date cards in mid-November and the invite the first week of January.
- Vice-Chair Filla and Gareth Matthews will finish assigning members for the Top 44 for the October meeting.
- Vice-Chair Filla, Gareth Matthews, Kenn Miller, and Alicia Jennings to provide school outreach letters that the committee is promoting (intro, leadership award, 5th grade tree arbor day program, walk/bike to school).
- Vice-Chair Filla will work with staff instead of a staff report to get a planning session on landscaping ordinances and select several people from homes associations to work with them.

🚩 Master Calendar

- Members reviewed the calendar.

🚩 Green Mobility

▪ Walk/Bike to School

- Corinth.** Jim Potter has met with the principal. They have had 4 walking Wednesdays, averaging high participation, and are registered.
- Mission Trail.** Participated.
- Cure.** They had a 72% turnout. They have issues with their parking situation. Parents are parking at O'Neill's and allowing kids to walk over to the school.
- Nativity.** Low participation.
- St. Michaels.** Approximately 125 kids participated and they love their crossing guard.
- Brookwood.** They participated with hardly any cars parking or dropping off.

ATTENDEES

7:30 am • Leawood City Hall
4800 Town Center Drive
Main Conference Room

- Chuck Sipple, Chair
 - Debra Filla, Vice-Chair
 - Brian Cullum
 - Katherine Gallion
 - Alicia Jennings
 - Kenny Johnston
 - Gareth Matthews
 - Kenn Miller
 - Scott Pashia
 - Bob Pierson
 - Jim Potter

 - Chris Claxton
Parks & Recreation Director
 - Brian Anderson
Parks Superintendent
 - Marica Putman
Administrative Graphics Tech
 - Scott Gamerl
Outdoor Education Supervisor
 - Scott Lambers
City Administrator
 - Kevin Jeffries
President & CEO
Leawood Chamber of
Commerce
- Guests**
- Kathy Corbin
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▪ **Main Routes to School**

- Members are working with each school to find their primary routes and build a coalition. Money alone cannot solve these issues. Everybody has to work together. For instance at 95th and Mission, the city can modify their traffic signals by not allowing right hand turns during specific times. Cure and Brookwood are currently rebuilding. Members discussed city recommendations when Ranchmart rebuilt.
- The goal for next year is to for schools to choose to participate and work with the committee to accomplish safety goals.

Action Items:

- *Vice-Chair Filla would like each member to list their key messages that he/she would to hear addressed in the 20 minute speech by the key speaker.*

✚ **Conservation**

▪ **Recirculation Day – September 17th**

- Brian Anderson posted 13 signs at main thoroughfares. He did not receive any calls in regard to the event.
- Bob Pierson did not hear of any complaints.

▪ **Water Beds**

- There are several water gardens at 143rd Street. These water gardens will be cleaned up and be presented for adoption. The location is near Prairie Star Middle and would be great for a biology group to adopt and take over the maintenance. Scott Pashia has contact names for the project.

▪ **Community Gardens**

- The City is building a new fire station, so the community gardens have been put on hold. There are thirty 4"x10" lots behind Fire Station 1. Due to tax changes at the state level, there are no increases in property taxes that happen naturally, but they will allow deductions for debt. Originally, the City was going to take 4 years, collect the money and pay in cash. Instead, it will be bonded and break ground in the summer of 2017 which means there will no community garden for 2017/2018. Space may not be available afterwards. Other areas, perhaps several areas are being considered for future community gardens. Members discuss areas, responsibilities and options for these community gardens. Scott Gamerl suggested a pollinator aspect for these gardens. Brian Anderson suggested that Parks & Recreation be the organizing house to help people get plots.
- Scott Gamerl is accepting cell phones at the nature center for the Leawood Lions organization. They are celebrating 100 years and this small e-waste recycling project is a great green initiative program for their charter. He will take the appropriate steps to eliminate personal data on devices.
- Vice-Chair Filla informs that the committee is tasked to figure out how to get that \$10,000 matching grant for rain gardens. Kenny Johnston discusses the automated sprinklers during rain. He suggested using grant money as incentive for people to buy rain sensing sprinklers. This is a great idea.

Action Items:

- *Vice-Chair Filla asks that the HOA dinner survey includes the following questions about the citywide recirculation pick up weekend.*
 - *1) Do you value the city wide recirculation?*
 - *2) Do you want this once or twice a year?*
- *Bob Pierson will provide the latest recycling extravaganza results.*
- *Vice-Chair Filla will send out an email in January to have everyone's input on recycling and their slides early and to have a walk through prior to the event date.*
- *Vice-Chair Filla will make a council report asking to direct staff to have a work session with interested parties, Parks & Rec, sustainability, current community gardens to look at options going forward about where and how to manage them.*
- *Vice-Chair Filla will contact Joe Johnson to inquire about adding rain sensing devices to the BMP list.*

- *Kenney Johnston to send Vice-Chair Filla the related emails for the rain sensors and she will forward to the appropriate people.*

✚ **Sustainability Summit (Annual HOA Meeting)**

▪ **Assignments**

- Scott Pashia reviews the HOA Meeting Checklist with members. He revises and assigns the list as needed.
- Members discuss various sections of the checklist.
- Gareth Matthews voices his concerns on accessing, mismanaging or abuse of the new database. Mark Andrasik received 92 new and revised entries. The questionnaire for updated info should be sent out twice more in case residents may have forgotten. Members continue to discuss the ramifications of misuse and gathering info from residents.

Action Items:

- *Alicia Jennings will ask Jennifer Byers to attend. She will also contact previous attendees.*
- *Members can send their vendor contacts to Alicia.*
- *Members to think of good recycling stories.*
- *Brian Anderson will try to get recycle tonnage quantities from park pickups. Marica Putman will find out about tracking registrations and possibly setting up a Gmail account specific to registrations.*
- *Vice-Chair Filla will follow up on the tree poster contest.*
- *Brian Cullum to ask Mark Andrasik for a check mark box that says, "Yes, I am a friend of SAB".*
- *Gareth Matthews will contact Mark Andrasik for the info collected on a form that can be used in the next meeting.*
- *Gareth Matthews to update the bonus leadership awards to share with the schools.*

✚ **Adjourn**

▪ **Upcoming Meetings**

- Next SAB meeting is November 10th, 2016.
- Future meeting dates in 2017: January 12th, February 9th.
- No meetings in March, August, and December.